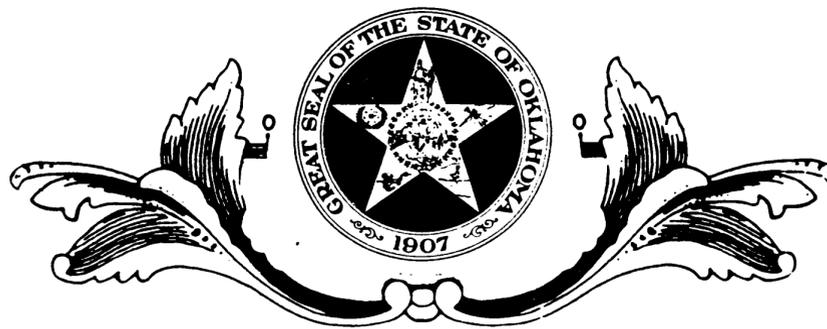


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the health of our state's residents is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

Whereas, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a chronic, life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs; and

Whereas, without treatment, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis, but with early diagnosis and effective treatment the life-expectancy is much longer; and

Whereas, multiple treatments are available for PH, but it takes patients an average of nearly three years to be accurately diagnosed. This delay in diagnosis has not changed in the past twenty years; and

Whereas, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure; and

Whereas, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy, and awareness;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as

"Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge all citizens to recognize the seriousness of this disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 13th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

C. Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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